

What is claimed is:

1. An electromagnetic interference analysis method for analyzing the amount of electromagnetic interference arising in an LSI by means of performing a logic simulation, the method comprising:

an instantaneous current calculation step of calculating the amount of instantaneous electric current from event information, the information being produced when a change arises in a signal and including the instance name of each cell in which the change has arisen, the name of the signal, a time at which the change has arisen, and transition information;

a modeling step of modeling the instantaneous electric current according to a predetermined rule; and

an FFT processing step of subjecting to fast Fourier processing (hereinafter referred to as "FFT processing") the information concerning a change in electric current, the information being calculated through a modeling step.

2. The electromagnetic interference analysis method as defined in claim 1, wherein the modeling step includes an averaging step of averaging the instantaneous current over a certain discrete width, and the FFT processing step includes a step of subjecting to FFT processing information concerning a change in current, the information being produced by the averaging step.

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3. The electromagnetic interference analysis method as defined in claim 1, wherein the modeling step includes a rectangular waveform modeling step of modeling the instantaneous current as a rectangular waveform whose height is calculated for information for each event such that the area of the rectangular waveform becomes equal to the amount of electric current of each event, and the FFT processing step includes a step of subjecting to FFT processing information concerning a change in current, the information being calculated in the rectangular waveform modeling step.

4. The electromagnetic interference analysis method as defined in claim 1, wherein the modeling step includes a geometrically-similar rectangular waveform modeling step of modeling the instantaneous current as a geometrically-similar rectangular waveform whose height and width are calculated such that the area of the rectangular waveform becomes equal to the amount of electric current of each event, and the FFT processing step includes a step of subjecting to FFT processing information concerning a change in current, the information being calculated in the geometrically-similar rectangular waveform modeling step.

5. The electromagnetic interference analysis method as defined in claim 1, wherein the modeling step includes

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a rectangular waveform modeling step of calculating the instantaneous electric current for each event information, and a step of modeling the instantaneous current as a rectangular waveform through use of the amount of electric current and a table representing the relationship between the width and height of a rectangular waveform, to thereby subject to FFT processing the information concerning a change in electric current calculated in the rectangular waveform modeling step.

6. The electromagnetic interference analysis method as defined in claim 1, wherein the modeling step includes a step of calculating the instantaneous electric current for information for each event, and a rectangular waveform modeling step of modeling the instantaneous current as a rectangular waveform through use of a slew in input waveform and a table representing the relationship between the width and height of a rectangular waveform, to thereby subject to FFT processing the information concerning a change in electric current calculated in the rectangular waveform modeling step.

7. The electromagnetic interference analysis method as defined in claim 1, wherein the modeling step includes a step of calculating the instantaneous electric current for information for each event, and a rectangular waveform modeling step of modeling the instantaneous current as a

rectangular waveform through use of an output load
capacitance and a table representing the relationship
between the width and height of a rectangular waveform,
to thereby subject to FFT processing the information
5 concerning a change in electric current calculated in the
rectangular waveform modeling step.

8. The electromagnetic interference analysis method
as defined in claim 1, wherein the modeling step includes
a step of calculating a drop in voltage from the amount
10 of electric current flowing in each cell and the resistance
of a power and correcting the amount of instantaneous
electric current of each cell for each event, on the basis
of the relationship between the drop in voltage and the
amount of instantaneous electric current.

15 9. The electromagnetic interference analysis method
as defined in claim 1, wherein the modeling step includes
a step of calculating a drop in voltage from the amount
of electric current flowing in each cell, the resistance
of a power line, and the capacitance of an on-chip
20 capacitor, and correcting the amount of instantaneous
electric current of each cell for each event, on the basis
of the relationship between the drop in voltage and the
amount of instantaneous electric current.

10. The electromagnetic interference analysis
25 method as defined in claim 1, wherein the modeling step

includes a step of transiently analyzing a power RC of each cell and a cell power source, accurately calculating a drop in voltage, and a correction step of correcting the amount of instantaneous electric current of each cell for each event, on the basis of the relationship between the drop in voltage and the amount of instantaneous electric current.

11. The electromagnetic interference analysis method as defined in claim 1, wherein the modeling step includes a triangular waveform modeling step of modeling the instantaneous current as a triangular waveform which has a given width and whose height is calculated for each event information such that the amount of instantaneous electric current becomes equal to the area of the triangular waveform, and the FFT processing step includes a step of subjecting to FFT processing information concerning a change in current, the information being calculated in the triangular waveform modeling step.

12. The electromagnetic interference analysis method as defined in claim 1, wherein the modeling step includes a multi-order-function waveform modeling step of modeling the instantaneous current as a multi-order-function waveform, and the FFT processing step includes a step of subjecting to FFT processing information concerning a change in current, the information being

calculated in the multi-order-function waveform modeling step.

13. The electromagnetic interference analysis method as defined in claim 1, wherein the modeling step
5 includes an exponential function waveform modeling step of modeling the instantaneous current as an exponential-function waveform, and the FFT processing step includes a step of subjecting to FFT processing information concerning a change in current, the
10 information being calculated in the exponential-function waveform modeling step.

14. The electromagnetic interference analysis method as defined in claim 1, wherein the modeling step includes a step of modeling the amount of instantaneous
15 electric current while separating the same into a short circuit electric current component and a charge current component.

15. The electromagnetic interference analysis method as defined in claim 1, wherein the modeling step
20 includes a calculation step of calculating the height of a rectangular waveform from a library in which peak currents of cells are characterized according to the type of cell, and a rectangular waveform modeling step of modeling the amount of instantaneous electric current as
25 a rectangular waveform, the peak current calculated in the

calculation step being taken as the height of the rectangular waveform and the area of the triangular waveform being equal to the amount of electric current of each event, and the FFT processing step includes a step of subjecting to FFT processing information concerning a change in current, the information being calculated in the rectangular waveform modeling step.

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16. The electromagnetic interference analysis method as defined in claim 15, wherein the calculation step includes a step of calculating a peak current for each cell from information concerning a slew in the cell, by reference to a library in which the relationship between a slew in input waveform and a peak current is characterized in the form of a table according to the type of cell.

17. The electromagnetic interference analysis method as defined in claim 15, wherein the calculation step includes a step of calculating a peak current for each cell from information concerning a load capacitance of a cell, by reference to a library in which the relationship between a load capacitance and a peak current is characterized in the form of a table according to the type of cell.

18. The electromagnetic interference analysis method as defined in claim 15, wherein the calculation step includes a step of setting a plurality of peak currents

for a composite cell and calculating the heights of a plurality of rectangular waveforms through use of a characterized library, and the rectangular waveform modeling step corresponds to a step of modeling the amount of electric current into a plurality of rectangular waveforms.

19. The electromagnetic interference analysis method as defined in claim 15, wherein the calculation step includes a step of setting a plurality of peak currents for each of the rise and fall of a flip-flop (FF) cell and calculating the heights of a plurality of rectangular waveforms through use of a characterized library, and the rectangular waveform modeling step corresponds to a step of modeling the amount of electric current into a plurality of rectangular waveforms.

20. The electromagnetic interference analysis method as defined in claim 15, wherein the calculation step includes a step of calculating the height of a rectangular waveform through use of a library in which peak currents are characterized, in consideration of the state of an input signal.

21. The electromagnetic interference analysis method as defined in claim 15, wherein the modeling step includes a step of calculating a drop in voltage from the

amount of electric current determined according to the type of cell and from the resistance of a power line; and

a correction step of characterizing, for each cell, the relationship between a drop in voltage and the amount of instantaneous electric current in the form of a table, to thereby correct the amount of instantaneous electric current for each event of the cell.

22. The electromagnetic interference analysis method as defined in claim 15, wherein the modeling step includes

a step of calculating a drop in voltage from the amount of electric current determined according to the type of cell, the resistance of a power line, and the capacitance of an on-chip capacitor; and

a correction step of characterizing, for each cell, the relationship between a drop in voltage and the amount of instantaneous electric current in the form of a table, to thereby correct the amount of instantaneous electric current for each event of the cell.

23. The electromagnetic interference analysis method as defined in Claim 10, wherein the correction step includes a step of iterating several times calculation of a drop in voltage and correction of a current waveform.

24. The electromagnetic interference analysis method as defined in claim 15, wherein the calculation step

includes a step of modeling the amount of instantaneous electric current while separating the same into a short circuit electric current component and a charge current component.

5 25. The electromagnetic interference analysis method as defined in claim 1, wherein the modeling step includes

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10 a triangular waveform modeling step of modeling the instantaneous current as a triangular waveform whose width is calculated for each event information in consideration of slew information (i.e., an output slew) for an output terminal of a cell for each event information such that the area of the triangular waveform becomes equal to the amount of electric current of each event, the height of
15 the triangular waveform being calculated on the basis of the width, and

 the FFT processing step includes a step of subjecting to FFT processing information concerning a change in current, the information being calculated in the
20 triangular waveform modeling step.

 26. The electromagnetic interference analysis method as defined in claim 1, wherein the modeling step includes

 a triangular height calculation step of calculating
25 the height of a triangular waveform such that the area of

the triangular waveform becomes equal to the amount of electric current of each event, by means of multiplying the amount of instantaneous electric current by a coefficient corresponding to the state of an event of a cell, in consideration of whether the event of the cell is in a rising state or a falling state.

27. The electromagnetic interference analysis method as defined in claim 1, wherein the modeling step includes

a step of calculating the amount of instantaneous electric current for each event information in the case of a composite cell; and

a triangular waveform modeling step of modeling the amount of instantaneous electric current as a plurality of triangular waveforms which are equal in number to the stages provided in the composite cell, through use of a table representing the relationship between the width and height of a triangular waveform; and

the FFT processing step includes a step of subjecting to FFT processing information concerning a change in current, the information being calculated in the triangular waveform modeling step.

28. An electromagnetic interference analysis system for analyzing the amount of electromagnetic interference arising in an LSI by means of performing a logic simulation,

the system comprising:

a logic simulator;

computation means which is connected to the logic simulator and calculates the amount of instantaneous electric current from event information, the information being produced when a change arises in a signal and including the instance name of each cell in which the change has arisen, the name of the signal, a time at which the change has arisen, and transition information;

10 modeling means for modeling the instantaneous electric current according to a predetermined rule; and

fast Fourier (FFT) conversion means for subjecting to fast Fourier processing the information concerning a change in electric current, the information being
15 calculated through a modeling step , thereby analyzing the amount of electromagnetic interference arising in an LSI on the basis of a signal output from the FFT conversion means.

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